

Appointment Date: _____

Time: _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Imaging Services (Radiology)

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

The exam is used to evaluate your swallowing process if you are having difficulty speaking or swallowing food. You will be asked to drink a thick liquid called barium. The barium allows your swallowing to be seen on X-ray images. A technologist and speech therapist will be present for the exam. The technologist will video tape as the barium goes through the mouth and as you swallow.

WHAT TO EXPECT

There is no pain associated with a swallowing function test. Some people find the texture of the barium unpleasant.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam.
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

NOTE: Blood work should always be drawn before X-rays are performed. If you are having blood work, please arrive early and inform the outpatient lab you have a radiology appointment. Please arrive on time for your radiology exam.

LENGTH OF EXAM

The exam should take 30 – 60 minutes, but plan to be in the department *for one-and-a-half hours*.

AFTER THE EXAM

Drink plenty of fluids to help move barium through the GI tract. A mild laxative is sometimes helpful to aid in the elimination of barium.

You should expect receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call Radiology at 330-363-6200 weekdays between 6:30 a.m. – 11 p.m. or weekends between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. for any questions about your test.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6th Street. Valet parking is available at the 7th Street and Bedford Building entrances for a fee - or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Imaging Services/Radiology (7th Street deck parking is the closest parking) is located on the ground level of the main hospital. From the main hospital lobby, take the elevators to the ground level. After exiting the elevator, turn to your left and you will see the check-in desk.